

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MAY 15, 1968

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, May 15, 1968, in the City Hall Council Chambers.

## ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmen - BROWN, CULBERTSON, SCHAFFER  
and HUNNELL (Mayor)

Absent: Councilmen- KIRSTEN

Also present: City Manager Graves, Assistant City Manager Peterson, City Attorney Mullen and Planning Director Schroeder.

## PLEDGE

Mayor Hunnell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Brown second, Minutes of May 1, 1968 were approved as written and mailed after changing the first sentence in the third paragraph on page 5 entitled "Ham Lane - Lodi Avenue" to read as follows: "Councilman Culbertson felt there should be left turn lanes in the area of Ham Lane and Lodi Avenue and that parking stalls should be eliminated in this area also."

WORKMEN'S  
COMPENSATION  
REFUND

Mr. Buer of State Compensation Insurance Fund presented the City Manager with dividend checks earned by the City on its workmen's compensation insurance totaling \$27,504.44. Mr. Buer congratulated the City employees on their safety record. City Manager Graves commended Line Foreman Darrell Wilson, who was in the audience, for his voluntary efforts in promoting the City's safety program.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED  
MULTIPLE-  
FAMILY  
ZONING

Notice thereof having been published in accordance with law, Mayor Hunnell called for public hearing on the proposal to amend Chapter 27 of the Lodi City Code to include the following: (1) three multiple-family residential zones; (2) changes in the off-street parking requirements in multiple-family zones; and (3) change in the apartment unit density permitted in areas zoned C-P, Commercial-Professional. Planning Director Schroeder then explained to the Council the purpose of the three proposed multiple-family districts.

The following persons spoke against the proposed amendment to the Code: Mr. David Paul, 708 North Church Street and Mr. Ronald Thomas, 730 Maplewood Drive. There being no others who wished to speak in favor or against the proposal, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

After discussion, Councilman Schaffer moved the matter be continued to the meeting of June 5, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilman Culbertson moved an amendment to the original motion requesting the

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Planning Director to submit for possible inclusion in the ordinance, a chart showing all criteria for the various residential requirements in all zones. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schaffer and carried by unanimous vote. The original motion to continue the matter to the next regular meeting then carried by unanimous vote.

APPEAL -  
I. R. BENDER

A letter was read from Mr. Irvin R. Bender requesting a continuance of the public hearing set for this meeting to consider the appeal from the decision of the City Planning Commission in denying a request for a variance to permit the retention of an illegal 6-foot-high, masonry fence on the property line within the required street side yard area at 305 West Walnut Street in an area zoned R-2. On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Schaffer second, the public hearing was continued to the meeting of June 5, 1968.

APPEAL -  
R. ENGELSON

Notice thereof having been published in accordance with law, Mayor Hunnell called for hearing on the appeal of Mr. Robert Engelson from the decision of the City Planning Commission in denying a request for a variance to permit the replacement of an existing 42-inch-high conforming wooden fence with a 72-inch-high fence of either wood or chain link on the property line within the required street side yard area at 301 North Crescent Avenue in an area zoned R-2. The Planning Director introduced the matter stating that in 1960 the City Planning Commission and the City Council had denied a request for a variance and had required the property owner to cut the fence down to meet the zoning requirements.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Engelson, 301 North Crescent Avenue, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. and Mrs. Engelson stated that they would like to change their request from a 6-foot-high fence to a 5-foot-high fence and they felt this would not obstruct vision of traffic in the area. Mr. Engelson also stated that they had problems with school children climbing the fence and also teasing their dog; they wish to build the higher fence not for privacy but for protection. There being no others in the audience who wished to speak on this matter, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

After considerable discussion, Councilman Brown moved the decision of the Planning Commission be upheld and the appeal be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schaffer and the appeal was denied by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen - Brown and Schaffer  
Noes: Councilmen - Culbertson and Hunnell  
Absent: Councilmen - Kirsten

COMMUNICATIONS

THANKS -  
CITY OF  
STOCKTON

A letter was read from Mayor Joseph W. Doll, City of Stockton, expressing gratitude to City of Lodi Police Department for its response to Stockton's emergency on April 22, 1968.

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AMERICAN  
LEGION  
INVITATION

A letter had been received from The American Legion, Lodi Post No. 22, extending an invitation to the City Council to participate in the Memorial Day observance on May 30, 1968, at Lodi Memorial Cemetery.

DIV. OF  
HIGHWAYS

A letter had been received from the Division of Highways notifying the City Council that a study is underway regarding the establishment of the freeway location for a portion of Route 12 and Route 88 and calling to its attention that public hearings will be held regarding the subject routing study. The letter also explained that certain information relative to the effect the selection of alternate routings would have upon community values may be obtained from the State as provided by Section 75.5 of the Streets and Highways Code if requested by the City Council. On motion of Councilman Schaffer, Brown second, the Council authorized the City Manager to request certain information from the Division of Highways as provided in Section 75.5 of the Streets and Highways Code.

CHAMBER RE  
SP PROPERTY

City Manager Graves read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the City Council to consider a land trade with the Southern Pacific Company for use of the passenger depot and property as a downtown parking site and the possibility of relocating the existing freight depot and loading station out of the central district so that this property might be used for parking. The City Manager will report back to the Council on this matter.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$179,651.13 were approved on motion of Councilman Brown, Culbertson second.

AWARD -  
CHURCH ST.  
IMPROVEMENTS

RES. NO. 3188

The City Manager stated only one bid had been received for the Church Street Improvements. It was from Claude C. Wood Company in the amount of \$277,745.50. The bid is approximately \$44,000 above the engineer's estimate. City Manager Graves recommended the Council reject the bid and readvertise inasmuch as the bid was significantly higher than the estimate and the City had only received one bid on the project. He felt there was a strong possibility other contractors would bid if it were readvertised. After considerable discussion, on motion of Councilman Brown, Culbertson second, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3188 awarding the contract for the Church Street Improvements to Claude C. Wood Company for the amount of the bid, with Mayor Hunnell voting no.

BID REJECTED -  
WADING POOLS

RES. NO. 3189

Only one bid had been received for the wading pools at Lodi Lake Park and Legion Park. The bid was from Geremia Pools, Inc. in the amount of \$16,138. The City Manager recommended rejecting the bid and readvertising at a later date as he felt more bids would be received if readvertising were done in the fall. On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Schaffer second, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3189 rejecting the bid for the wading pools at Lodi Lake Park and Legion Park and authorized readvertising for bids at a later date convenient to the operation of the Parks Department.

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PLANS & SPECS -  
LODI AVE.  
IMPROVEMENTS

Plans and specifications for Lodi Avenue Improvements - Ham Lane to Wood Drive were presented for Council approval. Councilman Brown moved to amend the specifications thereby including a provision for the contractor to close off and pave one side of the street at a time. Councilman Schaffer seconded the motion. After discussion, it was determined that the specifications provided for the closing off of the street if the contractor so desired; subsequently the motion and second were withdrawn. The plans and specifications were then approved and calling for bids authorized on motion of Councilman Culbertson, Schaffer second.

HONDA  
RETURNED  
TO DONOR

City Manager Graves explained that the City had been given four Honda motorcycles but had found use for only three of them. Therefore, he recommended the fourth motorcycle be returned to the donor. Councilman Schaffer moved, Culbertson second, that the Council accept the City Manager's recommendation and return the unused Honda to the donor. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

BOATING  
CONCESSION -  
LODI LAKE

The City Manager presented a recommendation from the Recreation Commission to permit a firm called "The Beachcomber" operated by Mr. Lauren Berry to operate boat and other water craft concessions at the Lodi Lake Park. On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Schaffer second, the Council approved the recommendation of the Recreation Commission to allow Mr. Berry to operate the concession at the Lodi Lake Park for one year.

RECESS

The Mayor declared a five-minute recess and the Council reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

STREET  
STRIPING -  
HAM-LODI AVE.

The City Manager presented drawings of the Lodi Avenue and Ham Lane intersection showing the present striping as well as the striping prior to the widening of these streets. He stated the initial plans for the intersection provided for two lanes plus a left turn lane, whereas, there are now four lanes and no left turn lanes. On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Schaffer second, the Council requested the Public Works Department to prepare sketches illustrating alternate methods of striping which will provide left turn lanes for this intersection for the next regular meeting.

RAILROAD  
CROSSING  
GATES

A letter had been received from the Public Utilities Commission inquiring as to what progress had been made toward installation of automatic crossing gates at railroad crossings in the City. The City Manager felt installation of two gates per year would be satisfactory to the Public Utilities Commission and recommended installation of gates at two crossings during the next fiscal year. He stated the approximate cost to the City would be \$14,000 per intersection. Councilman Culbertson moved the Council approve installation of automatic crossing gates at the Pine Street and Lockerford Street crossings during fiscal 1968-69. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schaffer and carried by unanimous vote.

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BOND -  
FINANCE  
DIRECTOR

The insurance company holding the bond for the Finance Director requested the Mayor to sign a rider to be attached to the bond. The purpose of the rider is to clarify the company's intentions as to the term of the bond. On motion of Councilman Schafer, Brown second, the Council authorized the Mayor to sign the rider as requested by the insurance company.


SPHERES OF  
INFLUENCE

The discussion of spheres of influence having been continued from the meeting of May 1, 1968, the Council after further discussion, recommended the following for inclusion in the "Spheres of Influence" as submitted by the Local Agency Formation Commission:

- (1) Green belts - to be included in criteria.
- (2) Establish time element such as 20-50 years so that all cities would be using the same time element.
- (3) Provision for review and updating of "Spheres of Influence" at a maximum of 5-10 years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 11:40 p.m.



ATTEST: Bessie L. Bennett  
City Clerk